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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jeff PACE et al.

Application No.: 09/605,654

Filed: June 28, 2000

For: Fuel Injector Having a Modified Seat for
Enhanced Compressed Natural Gas Jet Mixing

Confirmation No.: 6246

Group Art Unit: 3752

Examiner: Christopher S. Kim

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (e)

Sir:

In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated May 18, 2004, the following comments are submitted.

Applicants do not believe that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is warranted/proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e) and M.P.E.P 1302.14 as the statement states that the basis for allowance is the recitation of the longitudinal axis.

While applicants believe that the claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the prior art, applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each and every feature is required for patentability. And, applicant submits that patentability is based on the claimed invention as a whole, and not solely on one or more particular features recited in the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS

Filed herewith are four (4) replacement sheets of formal patent drawings containing eight (8) figures. It is requested that these drawings be approved and made part of the official record in the above-identified patent application.

It is respectfully submitted that these changes introduce no new matter as it conforms to the specification and/or drawings as originally filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.81(d).

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of these drawings, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3010. If a fee is required for an extension and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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